Four lanning of Bhachau-Gandhidham National Highway

2041. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four lanning of Bhachau-Gandhidham National Highway-8A is under implementation;

(b) whether the project is running behind the schedule;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Four-lanning of Bhachau-Gandhidham section of National Highway-8A is being implemented in two packages as under:

(i) From Bhachau to Padana (22 Km)
(ii) From Padana to Gandhidham (16.16 Km)

The package from Bhachau to Padana is scheduled for completion by June, 2002, and that from Padana to Gandhidham by May, 2002. There has been some delay in completion because of extensive damages caused to the pavement and structures by the earthquake of the 26th Janury, 2001.

Basic amenities along North-South and East-West Corridors

2042. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during construction of the Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West expressways, Government have planned to build way-side motels and rest amenities for travellers;

(b) whether such facilities would include clean drinking water, baths/privies, PCOs and cafeterias;

(c) whether such facilities are proposed to be leased out to private vendors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The propsoal is at initial stage and details are being formulated.

Adoption of Haryana Highway Patrol as a Model

2043. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt the Haryana Highway Patrol as a model for controlling road accidents through out the country and all the State Governments have been directed to implement similar schemes;

(b) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Haryana Highways Patrol arrangement is still in an experimental stage. If found successful, over a period of time it will be recommended to the other State Governments.

National Highways along Gujarat coastline

2044. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat has the longest coastline in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that coastline in Gujarat is not adequately covered by National Highways; and

(c) whether Government are considering the proposal to provide National Highways along Gujarat coastline?